

Contracting earns prestigious honor

Capt. Mike Tkacz
14th Contracting Squadron

The 14th Contracting Squadron was recently awarded the Champion of Veterans’ Enterprise award for 2003.

The squadron won the award for meeting and exceeding mandated goals that have been set for all government agencies, to include the Department of Defense. These goals have been enacted to provide service-disabled veterans with an appropriate share of federal government contracting opportunities.

Neil Cole, 14th CONS director of business operations, received the award at the 3rd annual CVE award ceremony in Washington, D.C., June 14.

“These mandated goals stem from the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Act of 1999 and the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 to support and provide opportunities to service-disabled veterans,” Mr. Cole said. “However, these acts do not override existing law or regulations such as those prescribed in the Federal Acquisition Regulation.”

Congress mandated these two acts in 1999 and 2003 after studies showed that the government needed to do a better job of providing opportunities for disabled veterans. The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 set a three percent goal for participation by small businesses owned and controlled by disabled veterans in federal contracting and subcontracting positions. The 14th CONS exceeded this goal by .98 percent, standing out among thousands of government agencies throughout the nation as a leader in the business community.

“Three percent may not sound like a lot, but it can represent a very significant amount of business,” Mr. Cole said. “It was extremely challenging for us to meet this goal, and we not only met it but exceeded it.”

The squadron is one of only six government agencies to win the prestigious award. Four of the six winners are Air Force bases in the Air Education and Training Command. In addition to Columbus AFB, Keesler AFB, Miss.; Sheppard AFB, Texas; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; the Department of Navy, Naval Sea Systems Command and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme, Calif.; and the Office of Procurement Langley Research Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration also received the award.

The primary goal of the Center for Veterans’ Enterprise is to support economic empowerment for every veteran entrepreneur. The center also provides resource assistance for service-disabled veterans who are considering business ownership. For more information about the CVE, call Mr. Cole at Ext. 7805.

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Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford

Deployment 101

Tech. Sgt. Terry Patterson, 14th Medical Operations Squadron NCOIC of force health management, teaches Artray Reid, 10, Connor Gorske, 9, and Megan Traweek, 7, good hand-washing skills for preventing disease at home and at deployed locations as part of the Personnel Deployment Function, Jr. program Tuesday. See Pages 8 and 9 for story and additional photos.

CAFB hosts school registration

Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford
Public Affairs

Columbus AFB parents had their first opportunity ever to register children for the upcoming school year at the community center Tuesday.

Columbus Municipal School District leaders organized the event in an effort to better serve and meet the needs of the base community.

“We discussed the idea with parents and school heads,” said

Dr. Lester Beason, Columbus Municipal School District superintendent. “The family support center and all the base school liaisons seemed to think it was a good idea, so we went ahead with it.

“This is also an effort to improve service to all of our customers, and Columbus AFB is certainly one of them,” he said.

Out of approximately 150 Columbus AFB children who attend school downtown, 113 registered for school Tuesday.

Parent Teacher Association members and principals from the four schools in the district registered new and returning students for the 2004-2005 academic year, verified residency, collected school fees and distributed bus schedules.

The center was a full-service, one-stop shop for base parents, especially those with more than one child.

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Force Development soon to effect civilians as well

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Career civilian employees will soon have more focused career guidance and expanded opportunities thanks to a new initiative taking place here this summer.

Civilian Career Field Management is a part of Force Development that will align civilian and military career fields in order to develop future leaders.

“This is a big change in Air Force civilian career management,” said Gregory Den Herder, executive director of the personnel center. “We’ve realigned civilian management to provide a systematic approach to developing and sustaining the civilian workforce.

“The foundations of CFM were already in place within our Civilian Career Program Directorate,” he said. “Now we’ve tied development, analysis and employment together.”

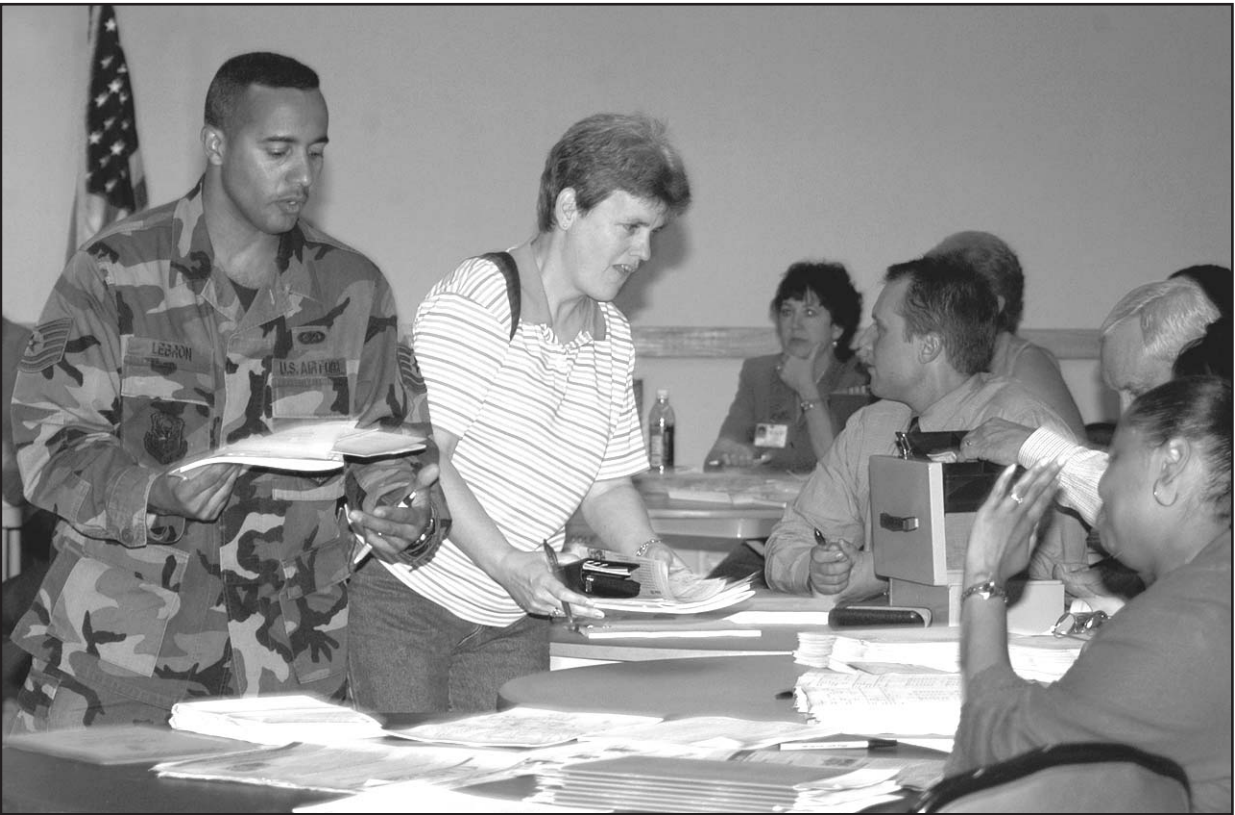
Under CFM, all civilian positions have been assigned to a specific career field similar to military specialty codes. Each career field will have a career path that helps employees determine where to go or what to do to advance in their careers.

Similar to the officer corps, civilian career fields have development teams located at the personnel center. The 24 development teams will fill positions and manage specific career fields.

CFM will enhance current opportunities for civilian professional education, advanced academic degrees, broader assignment experiences and upward mobility. It will also identify cross-functional paths to expose civilians to a broader scope of operational activities in preparation for senior leadership positions.

“The main goal of CFM is to ensure that the right employee gets to the right job with the right skills,” Mr. Herder said. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News)*

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Tech. Sgt. George Lebron, 14th Mission Support Group, and Linda Rogers, base parent, receive help from Columbus Municipal School District personnel during school registration at the community center Tuesday.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Mobility mindset

Airman 1st Class Amber Ashy, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, trains Senior Airman Tara Goswick, 14th Mission Support Squadron, on proper gas mask wear and adjustment. The 14th CES Readiness Flight provides chemical warfare training monthly for people on mobility status. For more information about the class, call Ext. 3176 or Ext. 7319.

“It can’t be any more convenient than this,” said Tech. Sgt. George Lebron, whose three boys will be attending three different schools this year. “I would have had to go to three different schools to register my sons.”

The registration process was organized according to school and grade. Franklin Academy registered Kindergarten through fourth grade, Hunt Intermediate registered grades five through six, Lee Middle School registered grades seven through eight and Columbus High registered grades nine through twelve.

The convenience also met the needs of parents who had scheduling challenges.

“Because I’m an SUPT student with a flying schedule, I thought I’d have to go into town,” said 2nd Lt. Judy Cole, who registered her son Conner for 2nd grade at Franklin Academy. “But [the administrators] here were fast and very efficient.”

Base leadership and school liaisons were pleased with the turnout.

“We’d like to thank Columbus AFB parents for coming out,” said Col. Keith Keck, base liaison with the city schools. “Hopefully this gives them a chance to chat with the senior leadership of these schools and get their children started off to another school year.”

School district officials said since the event was such a success, they will consider doing it again next year.

For more information about the registration process, call the family support center at Ext. 2790.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pride Store closure

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Pride Store closes at 11:30 a.m. today for a unit function. In case of an emergency, call Ext. 2856.

Official photos

Official photos of 14th Operations Group commander Col. David Lewis and Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes are now available for pick-up at the public affairs office. Call Ext. 7068.

VFW donations

Members of Park Miller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4767 will accept donations Monday in the exchange lobby. They are collecting donations to benefit Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals in Alabama and Mississippi.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **27 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** world-wide.

Remember to support them and their families while they are away.



OEF medal now AF approved

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force has authorized wear of the Humanitarian Service medal for Operation Enduring Freedom.

During OEF hundreds of Airmen participated in the packaging and delivery of nearly 2.5 million individual Human Daily Rations that were air-dropped to beleaguered Afghans.

The medal recognizes this and other humanitarian operations that took place from Oct. 7, 2001 to May 31, 2002.

To qualify for the medal, Airmen must have been individually assigned or attached to a unit participating in the humanitarian efforts and have provided direct, hands-on participation in the relief actions that affected locations within the land area, airspace, or waters of Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Gulf of Oman, or the Arabian Sea designated as 20 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude.

Other Airmen, such as aircrews, who may be approved are those who were in direct support of OEF humanitarian operations from stateside locations, or deployed overseas and were assigned to or working from one of the following locations: Combined Air Operations Center, Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia; Regional Air Movement Control Center, Al Udeid, Qatar; 437th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron or 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany; 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK; 2nd Space Operations Squadron, Falcon AFB, Colo.; 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings, McChord AFB, Wash.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight at Ext. 2579 or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News)*

AFSA grants Capitol Hill voice to junior, senior enlisted ranks

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public Affairs

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 651 meets at 3:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the community center.

“AFSA is a professional organization dedicated to improving quality of life for Air Force enlisted members, their families and enlisted retirees,” said Master Sgt. Kevin Hawks, Chapter 651 president.

The chapter at Columbus AFB is just a small part of AFSA, made up of more than 135,000 people. There are more than 500 members in Chapter 651, but only about 20 are active in the organization, Sergeant Hawks said.

One of the main purposes of AFSA is to give the enlisted force a voice on Capitol Hill, said Senior Master Sgt. John Wolfe, Chapter 651 vice president.

“Since bluesuiters cannot go straight to Congress and we cannot have a union, AFSA does that for us,” Sergeant Hawks said.

The local chapter discusses hot issues from Capitol Hill during its monthly meetings, to include education benefits, pay raises and family issues.

According to Sergeant Wolfe, “Being a part of AFSA is an insurance policy for your Air Force benefits long after you transition from active duty to retirement.”

Chapter 651 also uses its time to give back to the community. They’ve performed community service projects such as cleaning the main gate access road, renovating a summer camp and donating time to a Habitat for Humanity home. The chapter provides sponsorship for quarterly award winners, enlisted dining outs and the Enlisted Memorial Fund, as well.

Although the organization has “Sergeants” in the title, AFSA is open to all enlisted ranks.

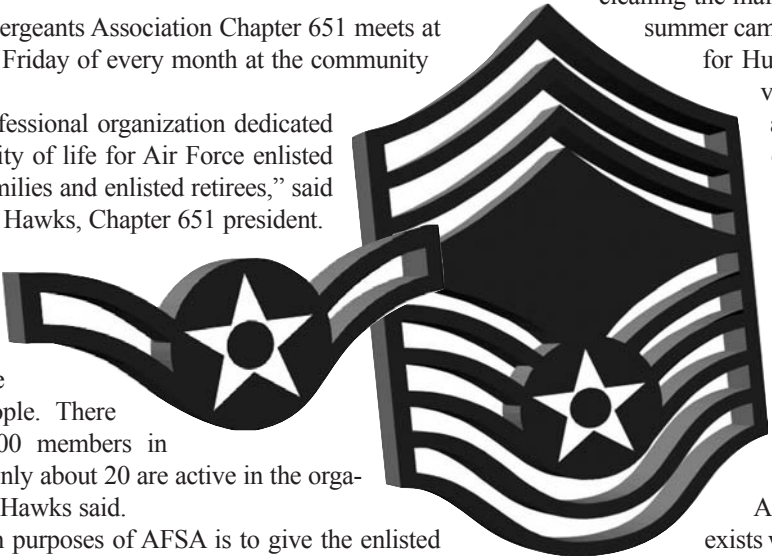
“The reason it’s called [AFSA] is because it was started by four NCOs at Lackland AFB, [Texas], in 1962,” Sergeant Hawks said.

An Airmen’s Activity Council exists within the organization for junior enlisted members.

“It’s best to get involved in something to be proud of — be a part of the enlisted voice,” said Senior Airman Winston Ellison, AAC coordinator.

People interested in joining AFSA can attend the meetings and get a membership application from any existing member. Dues are \$18 for 18 months for grades E-4 and below; all others pay \$25 for one year.

The next AFSA meeting is at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the community center. For more information, call Sergeant Hawks at Ext. 7125.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Rock solid

Triangle Maintenance Service employees began laying 650 cubic yards of concrete Wednesday for the foundation of the new air traffic control tower here. The tower is scheduled for completion during winter of 2005.

Guardsmen busy fighting West Coast wildfires

CHANNEL ISLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif. — Air National Guard crews from the 146th Airlift Wing here are helping battle wildfires raging on the West Coast.

Crews have been fighting fires in California during July, most recently against the Crown Fire near Santa Clarita. Forty-five ANG people and two specially equipped C-130 Hercules aircraft are involved in the operation.

The C-130s carry a special firefighting system that crews use to release liquid fire retardant. So far this year, 54 missions have been flown against three separate fires

dropping nearly 130,000 gallons of fire retardant.

“It’s part of our dual mission — serving in the defense of our country and serving the people of California,” said Lt. Col. Scott Adams, mission commander.

“It’s a dangerous mission,” he said. “One that requires a great deal of skill, but also one that is very rewarding when the crews know they are helping not only the citizens of California, but in many cases, their very own neighbors.”

In aerial firefighting, the crew flies the C-130 about 150 feet above the terrain, barely faster than stall speed. At the designated drop zone, the crew releases the

orange slurry fire retardant, which disperses in a fine mist and coats the foliage below. The slurry can cover an area 1,500 feet long by 100 feet wide.

This concept assists ground crews by providing a line of containment preventing the fire from spreading. The retardant breaks down within days and becomes a growth-promoting fertilizer.

The 146th AW is one of four Guard and Air Force Reserve units nationwide that are equipped with the firefighting system. Since its inception in 1974, these units have flown more than 5,000 missions against wildfires *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Proper pet care important on base

Sarah Fafinski
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Most people agree that it is important for all pet owners on and off base to ensure that their pets are properly cared for and kept under control.

Pet owners living on base are responsible for the well being of their pets and for ensuring pets do not become a nuisance to the base community.

It is expected that during the summer months, many people will be outside with their pets. Keep in mind that all pets must be kept on a leash when outside the home or fenced yard. This is especially important near high traffic areas such as streets or the air-

field. When walking pets, stay 300 yards away from the airfield at all times.

Other danger areas for pets to roam include the nature trails during hunting season. If pets roam too far, they could wander into the hunting area.

A number of stray animals have been seen around base. All pets must be registered with the base veterinary service. The necessary forms to register pets can be obtained through the housing office or the veterinary service.

Animals roaming free have the potential for disease from other animals and pose a danger to base residents. Any stray animals should be reported to security forces immediately. For more information, call veterinary services at Ext. 2281.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Token of appreciation

Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, thanks Lee Blair, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, with a BLAZE coin Wednesday for his contribution to the success of Go 4th 2004. Colonel Wilson and Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes also presented coins to Airmen Jonathan Boyd and Rory Peters, 14th CES, for scoring above 90 percent on their career development course exams.

Reimbursement for R&R leave

WASHINGTON — Servicemembers who traveled on rest and recuperation leave while deployed supporting operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom between Sept. 25 and Dec. 18, may be eligible for reimbursement of airline costs.

Reimbursement for airline costs is retroactive for those people who paid for commercial airline tickets from the port they flew into from overseas, such as Baltimore-Washington International Airport, to their final leave destination.

According to records, about 40,000 servicemembers traveled during the period. More information is available at www.armyg1.army.mil/WellBeing/RRLeave/index.HTM. *(Courtesy of U.S. Army Public Affairs)*

Mission report colors decoded

Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
Public Affairs

What does it mean if some flying training squadrons are “in the red” this week, and other are “in the green”? Does that mean some squadrons are behind the timeline? Inefficient?

Some BLAZE TEAM members are unaware of the meaning behind the Christmas-colored numbers found on the Simler Boulevard 14th Operations Group marquee.

“The red and green numbers on the sortie tracking board let everyone know the status of the flying program — the sorties, the monthly goals, if we’re ahead or behind,” said Lt. Col. James Reed, 14th OG deputy commander. “The colors do not necessarily reflect the efficiency of the squadrons.”

The mission report status is largely dependent upon weather.

“If you look at the month of June, we had 18 inches of rain,” Colonel Reed said. “You can’t get ahead of schedule during that kind of weather — all you can do is fall behind. That’s why we occasionally have to fly on weekends.”

One squadron on base may be “in the green” while another is “in the red” because the aircraft assigned to

Columbus AFB have different weather restrictions.

“With their weather radar, T-1 Jayhawks can maneuver their way through storms,” Colonel Reed said. “Pilots don’t fly solo missions in the T-1 like they do in the T-37 Tweets and T-38 Talons, so there are some specific restrictions on solo students.

“For basic pilot training in the T-37s, the sky pretty much has to be clear of clouds,” he continued. “We teach them to fly primarily using outside visual references. And in the T-38s, the primary emphasis for pilot training is formation; so they need good weather, as well.”


Air Force Instructions mandate what types of aircraft can fly in certain types of weather.

The supervisor of flying, who monitors the weather from the air traffic control tower, also dictates whether or not planes are cleared to fly. He determines the flying status of each type of aircraft based on written or operations group guidance.

“Because flying statuses can vary, it may be easier for some squadrons to meet their sortie goal than others,” Colonel Reed said. “But it’s the entire BLAZE TEAM that gets the mission done.”

What you should know about summertime drinking

Maj. Beverly Sabourin
14th Medical Operations Squadron



Drunk driving is a problem that has received a lot of attention lately and with good reason. Alcohol is the most abused drug in the United States. Alcohol use contributes significantly to fatal injuries for people of all ages. As we approach the mid-mark for 101 Critical Days of Summer, the number of preventable alcohol-related accidents begins to rise.

It is during this time frame that we hear about senseless injuries or deaths such as, Airman Snuffy, who drowned while out on Lake Lowndes jetskiing, or Lieutenant Senseless, who lies in a coma after a fall while hiking Dismal Canyon. It doesn't matter how many drinks were consumed; the point is alcohol and driving or recreation do not mix!

Alcohol is a drug, and it can kill when abused. Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant that affects virtually every organ in the body, and chronic use can lead to numerous preventable diseases, including alcoholism.

Alcohol lowers inhibitions and impairs judgement, which can lead to risky behaviors, including practicing

unprotected sex. This can lead to acquiring HIV/AIDS as well as other sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

Alcohol also hinders coordination, slows reaction time, dulls senses and blocks memory functions.

Let's face it — each of us has our own limit when it comes to drinking. For some, one drink can affect their ability to function, while others can drink two to three drinks in a sitting.

The problem is that what you think is your limit is usually more than you should drink. Most people think they're okay when they're not because alcohol impairment sneaks up on them. You are already affected by alcohol before you're even aware of it.

By following some simple guidelines, you can prevent an alcohol-related accident or health problem and live to see another 101 Critical Days of Summer.

❑ **If you drive, do not drink; if you drink, do not drive.** There is no safe level of alcohol for drivers because everyone reacts differently to alcohol on different occasions. If you are going out with others, decide beforehand who will drive on the return trip. Do not ride with drivers who have been drinking.

❑ **Never drink and pilot a boat of any kind.** The same things that make drinking and driving dangerous (impaired judgement, information processing, and coordination, among other alcohol effects) can be as deadly on water as

they are on land. Boating, windsurfing, jetskiing and water-skiing — anything that involves speed and skill — can all be dangerous to anyone who has been drinking.

❑ **Do not swim or dive if you have been drinking.** Remember that alcohol will inhibit your swallowing and breathing reflexes, both of which are necessary for swimming, and make you feel warmer that you really are, putting you at risk for hypothermia in cold water. In addition, drinking affects your ability to judge distances and may lead you to swim too far out into the lake or ocean.

❑ **If you are riding in a boat, remember that alcohol will impair your balance and increase your chances of falling overboard.** This danger, compounded by alcohol's effects on swimming ability, is a common cause of drowning.

If you are a heavy drinker, remember that alcohol consumption during the summer can more rapidly dehydrate you, raise your blood pressure, and increase your chances of developing hypoglycemia and becoming a heat prostration or stroke victim.

Do not drink if you are pregnant or trying to conceive, using medicine of any kind or have had difficulty keeping your drinking moderate in the past.

The bottom line is this: Alcohol has been and still is a common factor in what kills our people off duty. Consuming it in moderation and with good preplanning can prevent you from becoming a statistic!

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

New signs for services division

Comment: I have noticed that the 14th Services Division buildings, like the fitness center and the community center, all have expensive-looking new signs.

Given the small size of the base and the poor condition of some services facilities (like the driving range at the golf course, which is often underwater), I think the money that was spent on those signs should have been used for more practical improvements.

Col. Stephen Wilson
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:45 a.m.— Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday:
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday:
7 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story” (PG-13, rude and sexual humor, and language, 100 min.)

Starring: Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.

Saturday

“Two Brothers” (PG, rude and sexual humor, and language, 109 min.)

Starring: Guy Pearce and Jean-Claude Dreyfus.

Aug. 6

“White Chicks” (PG-13, crude and sexual humor, language and some drug content, 105 min.)

Starring: Shawn Wayans and Marlon Wayans.

For more information about movies, visit the 14th Services Division Web site at www.cafb.grapevine.com.

CHANNEL 64

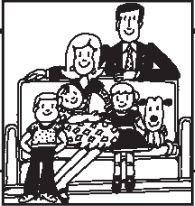
BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

For more information, call public affairs at Ext. 7068.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
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FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Executive TAP seminar: A transition assistance seminar for people holding advanced degrees and leadership positions is Tuesday through Aug. 6. People can register online at www.aetc.af.mil/dp/family_matters/index.htm or call DSN 487-2669.

Sponsorship training: A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Employment letters: A workshop explaining examples and the purpose of employment letters is from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Positive thinking: “Make Every Day a Terrific Day,” a video-based program to reduce stressors, is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 11. Participants learn techniques on how to start days positively, and deal with negative situations and behaviors. Registration is required by Aug. 9.

Financial management: Personal financial management training for grades E-4 and below is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 12. Various aspects of money management and control, savings and investment are discussed.

Basic investment: A basic investment workshop is at 4 p.m. Aug. 24. Information is available on investment opportunities such as mutual funds, bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks and individual retirement accounts.

Hearts Apart Social: A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

Remote/deployment briefing: Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m.

Air Force Aid Society: The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel.

Free oil change: The Air Force Aid Society's “Car Care Because We Care” program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airmen's Center and spouses of active-duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

BASE NOTES



OSC Social: The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club begins its new season with

a membership drive and special activities social at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Columbus Club. The menu includes hors d'oeuvres, and cost is \$11.50. Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For reservations, call Cammy Cheater at 434-8915 by noon Aug. 6.

Pioneer Club: The Pioneer Club, an active Bible-based program for children, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Aug. 18. The club offers classes for 2- to 3-year-olds, 4- to 5-year-olds, children in first through third grades and children in fourth through seventh grades. To participate or for more information, call Betsy Riess at 434-5223.

Cub scouts: Cub Scout Pack 52 meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the community center. For more information, call 328-7228.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Bite me

Staff Sgt. Aaron Bess, 14th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, demonstrates Rex's attack capabilities. Dog kennels are currently under construction for the six military working dogs assigned to the 14th SFS.

BLAZE TEAM children get first-hand glimpse of deployments



The 14th Civil Engineer Readiness Flight teaches children about auto injectors to combat nerve agents.

PDF, Jr. provides mobility insight

Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford
Public Affairs

More than 70 kids stepped off buses Tuesday morning to participate in Personnel Deployment Function, Jr., an exercise for children of BLAZE TEAM members who have been, are currently or will soon be deployed.

Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman, base readiness NCO, spearheaded the event with the support of the family support flight and the 14th Mission Support Squadron.

Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, welcomed the guests to the first ever deployment function for children at Columbus AFB.

“I am very proud of your parents and what [your parents] are doing, and you should be too,” he said. “I want you to know that we’re doing everything we can to take care of them.”

Children were split up into six “chalks” and rotated through stations to get a glimpse of what their parents experience when they deploy.

At the various stations, participants received:

- ❑ Camouflage bibles to provide “spiritual readiness”
- ❑ Expense money in the form of \$50 PDF, Jr. reserve notes made out to the Armed Forces of the United States Child
- ❑ Lessons in good hand washing practices from public health personnel
- ❑ The chance to smell nerve agents, put on gas masks and simulate using auto injectors
- ❑ Instruction on how to use ground-to-ground and ground-to-air field phones
- ❑ Information about satellite communications, land navigation and different types of security forces weapons
- ❑ Samples of Meals Ready-to-Eat
- ❑ Identification cards and PDF, Jr. dog tags

After rotating through stations, the children viewed static displays of the T-37 Tweet and the T-38C Talon.

Then it was off to Freedom Park for a security forces working dog demonstration followed by boxed lunches.

“The experience was fun,” said Ryan Reed, 13. “It taught us what our parents do out in the real world.”



First Lt. Brandy Hewins, 14th Mission Support Squadron, gives participants a taste of Meals Ready-to-Eat.



BLAZE TEAM children get a crash course in satellite communications, land navigation and weapons from Staff Sgt. Kevin Martens and Master Sgt. Richard Bailey, 14th Security Forces Squadron.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford
Jasmine Lindsey, 10, learns the mechanics of ground-to-ground and ground-to-air field phones from Airman 1st Class Leigh Utz, 14th Communications Squadron.

Club makes changes for improved service to CAFB

Katey Miranda
Services Publicist

The launching of several new programs is creating big changes at the Columbus Club this summer.

The club’s lunch line will features an a la carte lunch menu Tuesdays, a Southern buffet Wednesdays, a Mexican buffet Thursdays and a catfish buffet Fridays. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day, and cost for the buffets is \$6.95 for members and \$8.95 for nonmembers. The all-you-can-eat buffets also include iced tea and dessert.

The club opens for special functions only such as catered dinners and receptions seven days a week. Currently, the club offers members a 10-percent discount for special functions and catered events. Prices and menus vary according to the venue.

Brenda Freeman, club complex manager, challenges anyone to get a better deal downtown.

“Our menus and prices are the best in town,” she said.

People can view the club’s catering brochure at www.cafb-services.com by clicking on “clubs” and selecting “catering” from the pull-down menu.

The club is also re-energizing its quick shot bingo program during lunch. The program offers prizes up to \$500 with the right bingo combination. Cards are \$1 each and can be played anytime during lunch.

For more bingo, try the all-ranks bar bingo program offered at the enlisted lounge every Friday night at 5:30 p.m. A \$300 progressive jackpot game offers three chances to win.

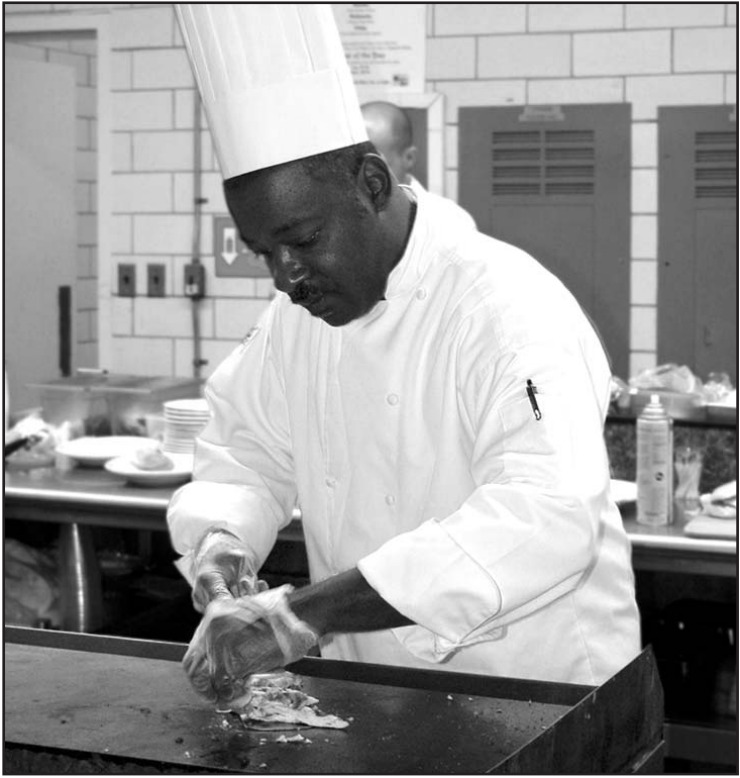
The club will feature an all-ranks colossal bingo program every Monday starting Sept. 13,

and will feature many games and big cash prizes.

September also brings the start of the pro football season and the Air Force’s Football Frenzy program. The enlisted lounge features Football Frenzy for all-ranks on Monday nights with lots of door prizes, free bar snacks and a chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl.

The lounge offers satellite channels and five televisions, including a big screen, to watch teams play. During commercials or even half time, guests can take in a game of dominoes, play a hand of cards or try out the new shuffleboard or air hockey tables. The chance to win a trip to the big game is only open to club members — club membership has it advantages!

For more information about the club program and benefits of membership, call Ext. 2490.



Athena Brimer

Anthony Harrison, Columbus Club head chef, prepares a meal.

Services provides family events

Bar bingo: The enlisted lounge offers one \$300 progressive jackpot bingo game at 5:30 p.m. Fridays. Players have three chances to win cash — \$10 for the first straight bingo, \$15 for the first large picture frame and \$300 for coverall in 51 numbers or less with a \$50 consolation prize if win comes after 50 numbers or more. The numbers increase by one each week. Three-on cards are \$1.50. Nonmembers pay a \$5 entry to play. Call Ext. 2490.

White water rafting: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip down the Ocoee River Aug. 14 through Aug. 16. Cost is \$99 per person and includes river/rafting run, two meals, two nights lodging in a cabin and transportation. Call Ext. 7861.

Child development center new hours: Effective Monday, the child development center is

open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is closed Saturday and Sunday. Call Ext. 2479.

Free 15-minute massage therapy: Dena McGuff, student massage therapist, gives free 15-minute chair massages from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 6 p.m. Aug. 10 and Aug. 12 at the community center. For reservations, call Ext. 7450.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers this all-ranks program every Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Hot wings and barbecue wings are \$1.80 per dozen, and beverages specials are from 4 to 6 p.m. Call Ext 2490.

Scrapbooking classes: The community center offers a beginner scrapbooking class from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 21. Cost is \$10 per class. Call Ext. 7450.



All-Ranks Sunday Brunch

Sunday at the Columbus Club

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All Your Favorites for Breakfast & Lunch
\$9.95 for Club Members and \$11.95 for Nonmembers
Call Ext. 2490 For More Information

Hot Country Nights: Hot Country Nights begins at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Princess Theatre in downtown Columbus. Cost is \$5 at the door. For more information, call 327-6789 or visit www.princesstheatre.net.

AARP: The American Association for Retired People meets at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month in the community room of AmSouth Bank at 710 Main St. in Columbus. For more information, call William Meyers at 328-7078.

Friends and Neighbors: The Friends and Neighbors Club meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Columbus Country Club. Native Columbus residents as well as newcomers are invited to get to know Columbus and visit interesting places. Membership dues are \$15 a year. For more information, call Sigga Head at 329-3864 or 328-9370.

Southern Cruisers: Southern Cruisers meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Potter’s Restaurant. Anyone with interest in new or old vehicles is invited to attend and join in car-related activities. For more information, call 251-7721, 574-2678 or 328-1146.

TOPS meeting: Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Thursday at the Lowndes County Volunteer Fire Station next to Antioch Baptist Church located off of Highway 45 on Jess Lyons Road. Weigh in is from 5 to 6 p.m., with a meeting afterward. The first meeting is free for new members. For more information, call Bettye Loftis at 356-6625 or Marj Bryde at 329-2825.

Library story hour: “Mother Goose” Story Hour is from 10 to 11 a.m. for children ages 3 to 6 and from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for children ages 2 to 4 every Thursday at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library. For more information, call 329-5300.

Gospel sing: The McAdams Quartet sponsors a First Friday Nite Gospel Sing from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Princess Theatre on 5th Street South in downtown Columbus. The event features local talent each month. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 328-5016 or visit www.1stfridaynitegospelsing.homestead.com.

Speedway events: The Columbus Speedway features the Street Stock “Summer Slam 20” Championship and Cajun

Sprinters beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. The Pro Street “Road Rage” Championship begins at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Columbus Speedway. For more information, call 241-5004 or 574-2572.

Exchange student sponsors: The Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc., seeks families in the Golden Triangle area to host high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

Sponsors needed: The Caledonia High School girls basketball team seeks sponsors to support their basketball and volleyball programs. Sponsorship packages range from \$60 to \$300. Sponsors’ names and organizations will be displayed on a banner in the school’s gymnasium. For more information or to purchase a package, call Doll Wilder at 549-5284.

Hospice volunteers needed: The Heart to Heart Hospice in Starkville, Miss., seeks volunteers to donate their time to others in need. For more information, call Sherry Junkin at 615-1519.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Homes

For sale: Three-bedroom, 2-bath home, 2,000 square foot, formal dining room, raised ceilings, skylights, screened-in porch, private fenced back area, new air conditioner, security system, newly painted, 311 Lawrence Dr., \$139,500. Call 328-7500.

Transportation

For sale : 1996 GMC Jimmy SUV, 4-door, 4WD, V6 4.3L Vortec, 114K, SLE, AC, PS, PW, PL, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cass, compact disc, ABS (4-wheel), towing package, alloy wheels, new tires, \$5,000 negotiable. Call 329-1717.

For sale: 2002 utility trailer, 6.5x16, four new tires, loading gate, like new, \$950 OBO. Call 434-5419.

For sale: 1997 Chevy conversion van, V-6 4.3L engine, low mileage, two radios, four bucket seats, one bench in rear, A/C, 25 miles per gallon, \$4950. Call 328-4374.

For sale: 2003 Honda Civic LX, 5-speed, 5,300 miles, black, 2 door, less than one year old, \$15,000. Call 352-1778.

For sale: 2003 Suzuki DR650 SE sports motorcycle, street legal, less than 700 miles, \$3800 OBO. Call 328-0460.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Frigidaire electric stove, glass top, \$125; Rangehood, \$15; Whirlpool dishwasher, \$75; Roper washer, \$75; General Electric gas dryer, less than one year old, \$150. Call 356-9071.

For sale: Little Tikes 8-N-1 playground,

fireplace screen, \$15; two table lamps, \$20 each OBO; four briefcases, \$5 each. Call 328-4374.

For sale: Triple Baby Jogger stroller, green w/sun canopy and basket, \$195. Call 328-2141.

For sale: Hewlett Packard desktop computer, \$250; Lexmark three-in-one printer, \$75; Sanyo 25-inch TV, \$50; All three items, \$300. Call 369-2931 or 434-6126.

For sale: Sony 25-inch TV w/remote, \$75. Call 328-7906.

For sale: One pair leather chaps for motorcycle riding, \$60. Call 327-4766.

For sale: Proform stationary bike, \$100; Proform treadmill, \$100. Call 434-8791.

For sale: Maternity clothes for spring and summer, dresses, shorts, shirts and pants, all 10 pieces for \$130. Call 328-5136.

Lost: Portable compact disc player in case w/discs. Left at softball field #1. Call 356-0440.

Found: Pair of prescription sunglasses at post office. Call 434-2960.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Retruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not resubmit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Duty Telephone #: _____
(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐



Pam Wickham

Delicate worker

Sandra Nixon, 14th Services Division, applies an engraved nameplate to a framed photograph at Designer’s Choice, the base frame shop. The shop engraves service dress name tags, as well as plaques for trophies, acrylic awards, mugs, pens and other items. For more information, call Ext. 7835.

PME to incorporate Fit-to-Fight program

Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Professional Military Education students will exercise under a more formal structure beginning in August as part of the Fit-to-Fight initiative.

Students will perform physical conditioning three days a week to reinforce the school’s new focus, said Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Turk, vice commandant of the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education.

Even though many schools have moved toward this, it is not officially a part of the curriculum until August for the NCO academies, and November for Airman leadership schools, she said.

Course attendees will notice a focus on combat leadership throughout enlisted PME with lessons such as national security strategy, joint-force components, expeditionary Airman, terrorism and force protection, force packaging and joint perspectives.

“The major difference in our curriculum today compared to before is that we are focusing on the combat environment versus a business environment,” Chief Turk said.

These changes will be implemented at all levels of PME starting with Airman leadership schools, with added intensity as the level increases.

“Fit-to-Fight is an area where we need everyone’s support because of the way it is performed while attending PME,” she said.

Students will perform physical conditioning before, during or after the duty day, which last from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. However:

- Schools have the flexibility to schedule exercise time.
- Constraints such as shower facilities, physical training access areas and graduation schedules will affect each school differently.
- Each school will design its own physical-conditioning program ensuring programs consist of proper warm up, push-ups, sit-ups, running and cool down.
- Every program will comply with guidance provided in Air Force Instruction 10-248.

All students, no matter what fitness category, are allowed to attend PME. Instructors will perform an unofficial fitness assessment to determine students’ fitness level. Based on their fitness level, they will be paired up with students in a like category. If a student is not physically fit, the instructors will support his or her fitness prescription to ensure safe workout activities. If no fitness prescription is received and the assessment indicates that the Airman is not physically fit, officials will work with and monitor his or her involvement in the program.



SHORTS

Judo classes

The community center begins offering Judo classes from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call Ext. 7450.

School/sports physicals

The medical clinic conducts school and sports physicals from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 7. Physicals are available for children or college students playing fall or winter sports. To schedule an appointment, call Ext. 2273.

First Shirts’ golf tourney

The Columbus AFB First Sergeants Council sponsors an 18-hole, three-person scramble golf tournament at 8 a.m. Aug. 7. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees and includes lunch. The field is limited to the first 18 teams paid. Prizes will be awarded. For more information or to sign up, call Kevin Hawks at Ext. 7125 or Marty Anderson at Ext. 2291.

Mixed golf scramble

This 18-hole mixed golf tournament begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Cost is \$80 for each two-person team and includes dinner at the Columbus Club.

Basketball tournament

Today is the last day for units to register teams for the three-on-three basketball tournament. The three-day event begins Tuesday. Units will receive Commander’s Trophy points for participation, and first, second and third place winners will receive additional points. Up to three teams per unit can register, and eligible players include active-duty servicemembers, dependents, guardsmen, reservists, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and base contractors. For more information, contact a unit fitness and sports center representative, or call Eric Rascoe at Ext. 2772.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

First base fundamentals

Maryann Ehlen, Blazettes first baseman, performs in-field exercises during a practice Tuesday. Columbus AFB is sending two teams to the Air Education and Training Command championship softball tournament Wednesday. The 14th Flying Training Wing wishes both teams good luck.